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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN VIEWS ON RHODESIA

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1. APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED CONCERN OVER RHODESIAN SITU-
ATION. HOWEVER, ZAMBIAN ASSERTION THAT US HAS CONSIDERABLE
LEVERAGE NOT YET USED ON SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA TO IN-
DUCE BOTH TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT AND AVOID ARMED CONFLICT
IS FAMILIAR GRZ POSITION WHICH CONSISTENTLY OVERLOOKS FACT
THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR RHODESIAN PROBLEM RESTS
WITH AFRICAN STATES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERN PLUS UK. MORE-
OVER, OUR LEVERAGE ON SAG IS LIMITED, AND WITH SMITH
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SEVERELY SO.

2. OUR BASIC POSITION ON RHODESIA WAS MOST RECENTLY STATED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS IN JULY 10 TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA: QTE IN BRIEF, WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE RHODESIAN REGIME'S CLAIM TO INDEPENDENCE; WE CONTINUE TO REGARD THE BRITISH CROWN AS THE LAWFUL SOVEREIGN IN RHODESIA; WE SUPPORT THE UN AND THE UK IN THEIR EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE RHODESIAN REGIME TO NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA,...WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SELF-

DETERMINATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA AND HOPE THAT CURRENT EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT A SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE POPULATION OF RHODESIA AS A WHOLE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. END QTE

3. AS YOU KNOW, PRESENCE OF SAG FORCES IN RHODESIA HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A NUMBER OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN SOUTH AFRICA. FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM SPECIFICALLY RAISED THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA LAST YEAR. WE REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT YOU NOT RPT NOT MENTION TOPIC TO GRZ AT THIS TIME.

4. WE BELIEVE GRZ IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH US POLICY TOWARD RHODESIA AND THAT IT WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH ANYTHING LESS THAN OUR ACCEPTANCE OF ITS CLAIM THAT US SHOULD PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN SETTLEMENT OF RHODESIAN AND OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. SINCE IT DOUBTFUL ZAMBIANS CAN BE CONVINCED OF WISDOM OF OUR POSITION, SUGGEST YOU NOT RPT NOT RAISE SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR CHONA OR FM BANDA IN NEAR FUTURE. IF THEY OR OTHER GRZ OFFICIALS BRING IT UP, YOU MAY WISH TO REITERATE POSITION PARA 2.

5. DEPT. DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT USG CAN MAKE ADDITIONAL USEFUL STATEMENT AT THIS TIME ON SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. OUR SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND MAJORITY RULE IS MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD AND IS WELL KNOWN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH SITUATION CLOSELY, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, AND SHOULD FUTURE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, WE WILL RECONSIDER. INGERSOLL

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